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**Transmittal Letter**

**Request for Divisional Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b)(1)  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request the filing of a divisional application in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)(1) of the below-identified prior application.

The prior application is identified as follows:

1. Serial number: 09/531,247
2. Filing Date: March 21, 2000
3. Title as originally filed: PERMANENTLY WETTABLE SUPERABSORBENTS
4. Applicants as originally filed: Jian Qin; Xiaomin Zhang; Sridhar Ranganathan; Yong Li
5. Address of First Named Applicant in Prior Application: 3316 S. Scarlet Oak Lane, Appleton, Wisconsin 54915
6. Correspondence Address of Prior Application: Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc., 401 North Lake Street, Neenah, Wisconsin 54957-0349

The prior application is currently pending before Examiner Donald R. Wilson in Group 1713. The entirety of the prior application is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

Enclosed is a copy, as originally filed, of the above-identified prior application which includes 20 pages of specification, the specification including a one (1) page Abstract, twenty-one (21) claims, and 0 sheets of drawings.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney showing the signature of the inventor in the prior application. If applicable, a copy of any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration is also enclosed.

This application is filed by the same inventors named in the prior application.

Please amend the specification of this application by inserting, at the beginning thereof, the following:

-- This application is a divisional of application serial number 09/531,247 entitled PERMANENTLY WETTABLE SUPERABSORBENT and filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 21, 2000. The entirety of application serial number 09/531,247 is hereby incorporated by reference. --

And, if indicated:

☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

☐ Please consider the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 and copies of the documents (excluding pending applications) cited therein. Pending applications are recited on a separate sheet to avoid their being printed on the face of any patent issuing herefrom.

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Respectfully submitted,

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#### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, Judith M. Anderson, hereby certify that on March 25, 2004 the aforementioned documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, Express Mail No. ET 878518625 US in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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